

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Wildlife Viewing – Hunting – Outdoor Photography

Conservation Areas are open from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Group or special activities may require a Special Use Permit. Contact Area Manager for further information.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- On the natural area, taking wild greens is prohibited.
- Digging of roots is prohibited.
- No bicycling or horseback riding opportunities except on public roadways.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to all area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during firearms deer and turkey seasons.
- Field trials prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Target shooting is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.

- On area ponds all largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be released immediately. Only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and not more than three poles or rods with attached lines may be used by one person. Daily limits on ponds are six black bass, four channel catfish, and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Pamphlets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.

For local information, contact:
Missouri Department of Conservation
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 785-2420

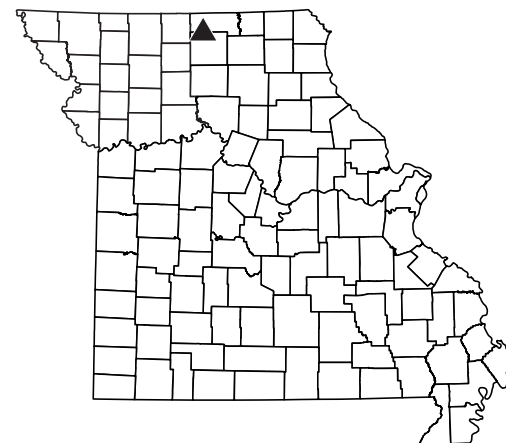
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices. Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri.

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Morris Prairie

CONSERVATION AREA



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